

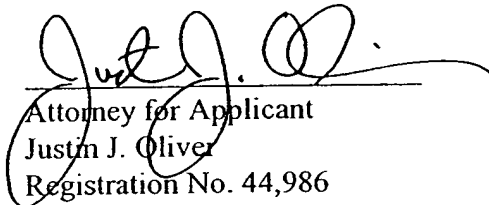
REMARKS

Further to the Amendment filed on September 15, 2003, in the above-identified application, Applicant requests entry and favorable consideration of the claim amendments presented above.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and independent Claims 3-9, 13-16, and 19-26. The changes to the claims are intended to correct matters in the amendments presented September 15, 2003. Applicant still submits that the claims are allowable for the reasons set forth in the September 15 Amendment.

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